

Claims:

1. A pharmaceutical composition, which composition comprises: an insulin sensitiser and another antidiabetic agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor, wherein the composition is arranged to provide a modified release of at least one of the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetic agent.
2. A modified release pharmaceutical composition, which composition comprises: an insulin sensitiser, such as Compound (I), and another antidiabetic agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor, wherein the carrier is arranged to provide a modified release of at least one of the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetes agent.
3. A composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the release of both the insulin sensitiser and the other antidiabetes agent is modified.
4. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the modified release is a delayed release.
5. A composition according to claim 4, wherein the composition is in the form of an enteric tablet formulation.
6. A composition according to claim 5, wherein the enteric coated tablet is a single layer tablet.
7. A composition according to claim 7, wherein the enteric coated tablet is a multi-layer tablet.
8. A composition according to any one of claims 5 to 7, wherein the tablet is coated with a gastric resistant polymer.
9. A composition according to claim 8, wherein the gastric resistant polymer is selected from the list consisting of Eudragit L100-55, methacrylates, cellulose acetate phthalate, polyvinyl acetate phthalate, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phtahlate, in particular, Aquateric, Sureteric and HPMCP-HP-55S.
10. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the modified release is a sustained release.

11. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the sustained release is provided by a sustained release matrix selected from disintegrating, non-disintegrating and eroding matrices.

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13. A composition according to claim 11, wherein the non disintegrating matrix tablet formulation is provided by incorporating Eudragit RS, methacrylates, cellulose acetates, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate, Carbopol 971P or HPMCP-HP-55S into the matrix.

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14. A composition according to claim 11, wherein the disintegrating matrix tablet formulation is provided by incorporating methacrylates, methylcellulose and Methocel K4M into the matrix.

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15. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein the insulin sensitiser is 5-[4-[2-(N-methyl)-N-(2-pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione, 5-[4-[2-(5-ethylpyridin-2-yl)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione (pioglitazone) or (+)-5-[[4-[(3,4-dihydro-6-hydroxy-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-yl)methoxy]phenyl]methyl]-2,4-thiazolidinedione (troglitazone); or a derivative thereof.

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16. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the alpha glucosidase inhibitor is acarbose, emiglitate, miglitol or voglibose.

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17. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the biguanide is metformin, buformin or phenformin.

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18. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the insulin secretagogues is a sulphonylurea selected from glibenclamide, glipizide, gliclazide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide, acetohexamide, carbutamide, chlorpropamide, glibornuride, gliquidone, glisentide, glisolamide, glisoxepide, glyclopamide and gycylamide, glipentide.

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19. A composition according to any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein the insulin secretagogue is repaglinide or nateglinide.